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SUMMARY: KOREAN AFTERNOON PAPERS NOVEMBER 3 STATE U.S. CONCURRED WITH ROKG PROPOSAL IN PAK CASE. SEOUL SINMUN REVEALS FIRST DETAILS OF PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.
1. KOREAN AFTERNOON VERNACULAR DAILIES NOVEMBER 3 ALL GAVE SECOND OR THIRD FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO STORIES OF U.S.'S "AFFIRMATIVE" RESPONSE TO KOREAN PROPOSAL FOR STEP-BY-STEP SOLUTION TO PAK TONG-SON AFFAIR. RESPONSE WAS GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR IN MORNING MEETING WITH FONMIN PAK TONG-JIN.
2. OFFICIAL SEOUL SINMUN, WHICH HAD MOST DETAILED COVERAGE, REVEALED THAT KOREAN PROPOSAL WAS THAT U.S. OFFICIALS, IN THE PRESENCE OF KOREAN OFFICIALS, MEET L(59,&-SON TO
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SOUND OUT (T'AJIN) HIS PERSONAL INTENTIONS REGARDING GOING TO THE UNITED STATES. WHETHER THIS DETERMINATION WOULD BE MADE IN THE PRESENCE OF OFFICIALS FROM THE CONGRESS OR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WHO WOULD COME FROM THE U.S., OR SIMPLY BY EMBASSY OFFICIALS ALONE, HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. SEOUL SINMUN ADDED. (NOTE: WITH REGARD TO THE DETERMINATION OFNXAK TONG-SON'S INHBNTIONS, SEOUL SINMUN WAS ONLY PAPER TO USE TERM "SOUND OUT" (T'AJIN); OTHER PAPERS PERSISTED IN THEIR USE OF "CONFIRM" (HWAGIN).) SEOUL SINMUN CONTINUED THAT, AFTER DETERMINING PAK'S WILL, SOLUTION WOULD BE FURTHER WORKED OUT STEP BY STEP THROUGH CONTINUED ROK-U.S. DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS.
3. ALL PAPERS QUOTED FOREIGN MINISTER AS CALLING THE AMERICAN RESPONSE "ENCOURAGING" AND THE TALKS THEMSELVES "VERY PROFITABLE". AS WELL AS NOTING THE TALKS WOULD CONTINUE.
4. THE AFTERNOON PRESS CARRIED NO FURTHER EDITORIALS ON THE PAK AFFAIR.
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